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specific. That motion is pending. I do have other amendments pending as well.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Redfield, I'll give you two or three minutes to bring us up-to-date on your bracket motion, since you had already opened.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Last year we had a great deal of discussion on this bill because we were looking at constitutional issues of whether the Secretary of State actually was authorized to even rule upon this decision. We looked at a lot of the different issues, the constitutional officers and their responsibilities and how they function within the state of Nebraska. As we looked at the bill, we had to recognize the fact that we were asking them to rule on a petition or an initiative, and say, is this in fact, in its present form, constitutional? But any kind of proposal to change our constitution or our government, obviously, is not constitutional right now, or they wouldn't be asking for a change. So there was a great deal of discussion. At this point in time I am going to withdraw the bracket motion so that we can discuss the bill on the floor. And if we determine, after our discussion today, that we in fact still have those concerns about the constitutionality of an approach like this, I will reintroduce that bracket. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. The motion is to withdraw the bracket motion. Any objections? No objections...seeing none, the bracket motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. Senator, FA207 that you had filed with our office last year during the discussion on the issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, I'm going to address...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a comment to the Chair, before I decide what I'm going to do with that. Madam President, may I ask Senator Schimek a question, just to try to see where we are...